

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant :	Geoffrey Donald Tremain	TC/AU :	2136
Filed :	July 3, 2001	Examiner :	Eleni A. Shiferaw
Title:	Method and Apparatus for Providing Computer Service	Atty Docket No. :	1821-01100
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RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY OF JANUARY 12, 2007

Date: February 1, 2007

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Interview Summary dated January 12, 2007, applicants wish to have the record corrected. The examiner stated:

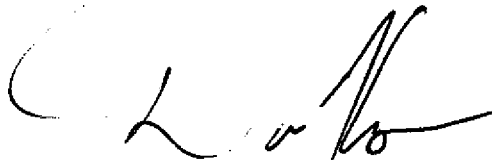
Applicant argued saying his virtual machine is different from virtual machine[s] of the applied references because virtual machine of the applicant runs a separate operating system unlike to the applied references or any prior art record. Applicant agreed that the novel feature of the invention is not claimed clearly. And applicant agreed to file a formal response after discussing with the client. The examiner will focus on the idea that is raised in the interview and look closely the applied reference and/or perform further search and consideration upon a formal response.

Among other things, the applicant has not "agreed that the novel feature of the invention is not claimed clearly". Though the applicant's attorney may have discussed various inventive features not specifically claimed, the attorney argued that the claims clearly distinguish over the prior art. Hence, at least one novel feature of the invention is clearly claimed. Specifically, the claimed virtual machine is distinct from those taught in the cited art, as demonstrated by the clarifying amendment made previously to refer to an operating system running thereon. If further clarification is needed, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (713) 238-8055.

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Respectfully submitted,

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